

**University of Massachusetts  
Department Laboratory Safety Coordinators  
Minutes of March 7, 2012 meeting  
Draper Hall 102**

Present: Phyllis Berman, Jonathan Tominar-Lipari, Jim Hanchett, Ron Grosslein, Sally Ives, Sherry Webb-Yagodzinski, Al Rakouskas, Adrian Parsegian, Becky Lawlor, Sondra Slesinski, Hilary Woodcock, Jean Alamed, Lara Kempf, Cole Tucker, Joe Smith, Andrew Whiteley, Richard Wood, Barry Braun, Joy Ward, Erika Hamilton, Glenda Pons, Yung Morgan, Betsy Blunt, Vince Chase, Haneef Sahabdeen, Christine Rogers.

Meeting Start: 9:35 Meeting End: 10:40

**Next meeting is April 4, 2012 at 9:30 Draper room 102**

1. Christine Rogers was introduced as EH&S Assistant Director of Academic Safety & Environmental Health.
2. Christine distributed a questionnaire to coordinators (attached). Christine asked that coordinators fill out the questionnaire at the meeting for subsequent discussion during the meeting. The questionnaire included what Christine described as a + (plus)  $\Delta$  (delta) exercise at the end of the questionnaire i.e. What do you like about the lab safety coordinators program versus what would you like to change.

A summary of the discussion:

Comments:

<u>Positive:</u> There are regular meetings EH&S Staff are well informed Having a department contact person for EHS Having time with EHS staff Hearing other coordinator's questions and comments Materials for distribution to the department Only opportunity to talk about safety	<u><math>\Delta</math></u> Provide an orientation for newcomers OWL – training records too cumbersome to update OWL – difficult tracking down department members OWL - determining training needs/employee Clarification on roles of Lab Safety Coordinators Is the most appropriate person assigned as coordinator? Case studies: for information/practice Better/more frequent training times for students Using 1 Department seminar timeslot for training Training during lab courses Check Recombinant DNA application and required training needs
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Organizational aspects of meetings:

<u>Positive:</u> Dates are set ahead for scheduling Variety of topics and new issues In depth topics Agenda sent before meeting	<u><math>\Delta</math></u> Class trips to labs Lab Safety coordinators suggestions for agenda items
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3. The 2012 Laboratory Safety Training powerpoint was presented (attached as pdf). Specific slides were discussed.